GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
RURAL DEVELOPMENT
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:2097
ANSWERED ON:05.08.2003
GRAIN BANK
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Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Union Government have decided to set up Grain Banks in starvation prone rural areas

(b) if so, the details thereof, State-wise;

(c) the funds allocated and released for the purpose during each of the last three year and current year so far;

(d) whether there is any proposal to set up one Grain Bank in each district; and

(e) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE FOR RURAL DEVELOPMENT (SHRI ANNASAHEB M.K. PATIL)

(a) to (c) The Ministry of Tribal Affairs has been implementing a Central Sector Scheme of Grain Banks in Tribal Villages since 1996-97 in 13 States. The objectives of the existing Village Grain Banks scheme are to take preventive measures against death of children in selected remote and backward tribal areas in 13 States identified by the Central Planning Committee. Under this scheme the Ministry of Tribal Affairs provides a one time grant towards purchase of foodgrains of locally preferred variety at the rate of 1 Quintal per member family for the initial stock of the bank, setting up of storage facilities of traditional type and purchase of weights and scales. Member families can take loans of food grains in instalments during the period of scarcity and can repay it with nominal interest at the time of the next successful harvest. All tribal families in the concerned villages as well as interested Scheduled Caste families living below the poverty line can be members of particular Grain Bank under the scheme. Details of funds released by the Ministry of Tribal Affairs to the State Governments through Tribal Cooperative Marketing Development Federation of India (TRIFED since 1996-97 and the Grain Banks established are given in the Annexure attached.

(d) There is no proposal to set up one Grain Bank in each district of the country.

(e) Question does not arise.

Annexure referred to in reply to Part (c) of Lok Sabha Unstarred Question No.2097 for reply on 5.8.2003

Annexure
(Rs. in Lakhs)

Sl.No.	State	Year	No.of Grain Banks to be established	Amount Released (Rs.)	No.of Grain Banks established
1.	Andhra Pradesh	1996-97	19	12.16	19
		1997-98	21	13.44	21
		2000-01	45	11.66	45
		2002-03	820	177.72	-
	Sub Total		905	214.98	85
2.	West Bengal	1996-97	17	10	16
		2002-03	34	28.93	
	Sub Total		51	39.81	16

3. Bihar 1996-97 30 19.2 25
1997-98 31 19.84

Sub Total 61 39.04 25

4. Gujarat 1996-97 28 17.92 28
1997-98 30 19.20 30
1998-99 23 14.72 00
2000-01 156 100.00 00

Sub Total 237 151.84 58

5. Madhya Pradesh 1996-97 70 44.8 70
1996-97 89 56.96 75
2001-02 327 80.78 304
2002-03 1975 712.16

Sub Total 2461 894.70 440

6. Orissa 1996-97 32 20.48 32
1997-98 35 22.40 35
1998-99 00 00 00
1999-00 197 100.00 153
2000-01 281 184.96 219
2001-02 157 100.00

Sub Total 702 427.84 439

7. Tripura 1996-97 4 2.56 4
1997-98 3 1.92 3
2000-01 27 18.11 27
2001-02 27 18.03 27

Sub Total 61 40.62 61

8. Rajasthan 1996-97 25 16.00 25
1997-98 8 1.49 00

Sub Total 33 17.49 25

9. Tamil Nadu 1996-97 2 1.12 2

10. Kerala 1996-97 2 1.28 2
1997-98 3 1.92 3
2000-01 3 10.16 0

Sub Total 8 13.36 5

11. Maharashtra 1997-98 30 19.20 30
2001-2002 154 83.18

Sub Total 184 102.38 30

12. Uttar Pradesh - - - -

13. Manipur - - - -

Total 4705 1943.18 1195